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Student Voices

Graduate Student Learns about the Italian Higher Education System

Alfredo Oliveira, M.S. Student

The Higher Education Study Abroad program in Macerata, Italy has added and reshaped many values in my life, including: enthusiasm, accountability, attitude, cultural awareness, courage, conflict resolution, trust, patience, and personal and professional growth and fulfillment. It was a great time for me to learn more about myself, my peers, other higher education professionals, and how to establish and nurture relationships in a country that is different than the United States.

This experience was a great opportunity for me to not only learn about the Italian Higher Education system and the country's culture, but a great time for me to step back and reflect on my own life. I was able to reflect on different points of my life (personal, professional, and educational) and ask advice from individuals who have gone through what I am going through and it allowed me to compare and contrast career options.

This education abroad program allowed me to strengthen my professional skills and I feel better prepared for the challenges that an administrator addresses while working in higher education. I also want to earn a Ph.D. in Political Science and work as a professor before becoming a Dean or an administrator, but this experience challenged me to think and learn other ways of understanding the higher education system, its history, and the way a political science department is run, its responsibilities to its students, and the accreditation process it needs to complete on an annual basis.

Another unique component of this study abroad program is the 20-hour internship that I completed in the Department of Political Science, Communication, and International Relations at the University of Macerata. After expressing my interest in Political Science, Professor Imbra communicated with Prof.ssa Paola Nicolini about my passion and I was able to intern for the program coordinator for the Master's Degree in International Politics and Economic Relations (IPER).

I cannot leave out one of the best things... the food! It was amazing. Every meal was fresh and healthy. The portion sizes were fantastic and the prices were reasonable. I spent less money than I had budgeted! Also, Italians love their aperitivo – a light meal and drinks before dinner. I had many of them, including two aperitivos with Brazilian students who are attending the University of Macerata.

We also had several hands-on (and fun) activities. On our second week in Macerata, we took a cooking class at Dottio Zero Lab and it was sponsored by the University of Macerata President's Office. Rettore Lacche was very friendly and we were appreciative of his leadership and partnership with St. Cloud State University. We started by learning how to make lasagna and then pizza. The whole night was extremely entertaining and fun.

I learned so much in two weeks and I am thankful for everyone who helped me go to Italy, including Professor Imbra, the Italian Cultural Center of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Department of Residential Life, St. Cloud State University, my friends, and family. I strongly recommend this trip to current and future students.

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Faculty Updates

Dr. Michael Mills

From the Program Director,

Over the summer, Michael Mills served on the planning committee for the MnSCU sponsored Change Leadership Workshop held August 4th and 5 in Minneapolis. The workshop was the kick-off event for refocusing the Charting the Future initiative, turning the Chancellor's Office centered project into change projects centered at the various campuses of the system. Michael also lead a portion of the workshop with a presentation entitled "Organizational Change Models and Change Readiness."

Michael Mills

Dr. Steven McCullar

Over the summer Dr. McCullar has continued serving as the faculty representative on the NASPA Knowledge Committee on Campus Safety. Dr. McCullar has also been preparing for a very exciting 2016 Annual Spring Leadership Institute conference that will be held at St. Cloud State University. On March 6-9, Dr. McCullar will be taking a group of students to the 2016 ACPA Conference in Montreal, Canada. If you are interested in participating in the Spring Leadership Institute or in attending the ACPA Conference please contact Dr.

McCullar at slmccullar@stcloudstate.edu. Remember to get your passport if you wish to cross into our friendly neighbor to the north for the ACPA Conference.

Professor Christine M. Imbra

Italy 2015:

Professor Imbra took 8 HIED students to Italy from May 16–May 31, 2015. The course included three classes, an intern-
ternation internship, tours of four universities, seven cities, and a variety of historical landmarks and businesses.



Travelogue:

Alfredo Oliveira was the first HIED student to receive the Italian Cultural Center (ICC) Scholarship for Education Abroad. A requirement of accepting the award was that Alfredo had to blog while he was in Italy, and when he returned he had to present a Travelogue at the ICC office in Minneapolis. Alfredo, Prof. Imbra, and Dr. McCullar drove to the ICC on the evening of September 9, 2015, where Alfredo and Prof. Imbra discussed the education abroad experience in front of an audience of about 20 people.



IFO-LGBTIQAA Conference:

Prof. Imbra and Alfredo Oliveira presented a workshop, "Study Abroad: A Faculty and Student Perspective" at the second annual IFO-LGBTIQAA conference in Roseville, MN on Friday, November 6, 2015. Saby Labor also presented a round table discussion at the conference, "Dissertation Topics About LGBT Issues" with her colleague, Becky Evan.





UNIMC Visiting Scholar:

The HIED program hosted a visiting scholar from our partner institution, the University of Macerata (UNIMC), August 23 – August 25, 2015. Vice-Rector and Professoressa Francesca Spigarelli attended a welcome reception on the day of her arrival, hosted by President Potter, then spent the rest of her time on campus meeting with a variety of SCSU administrators, and faculty members from a variety of departments. An outcome of her visit includes plans for expansion of our current partnership agreement, including the potential for faculty and student exchanges between SCSU and UNIMC Economics, Public Administration, and International Business programs.

Valerie Knopp Awarded Administrator of the Year

Valerie Knopp, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at St. Cloud State University, was awarded the inaugural Student Employment Administrator of the Year by the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators (MASEA) for her exceptional service to the discipline of student employment, and for her formal and informal mentorship to MASEA members and many college/university student employment administrators. From the nomination letter, "...a Student Employment Essentials (SEE) Trainer for the region, Valerie is described as a mentor to many student employment administrators from day one in their careers and a key resource for answering complex questions with authenticity and in a truly educational and accessible way."

Valerie was also elected Vice President of Professional Development for the National Student Employment Association (NSEA). NSEA is made up four regional student employment associations of hundreds of student employment administrators involved with college student employment. Her 2-year term begins in January 2016. Valerie was conferred her Master's of Science in Higher Education Administration from St. Cloud State University in 2010.



Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to the 2015 spring graduates of the Higher Education Administration program!

Spring 2015 Doctoral Graduate:

Karla Saeger

Dissertation: *The Development of Critical Thinking Skills in Undergraduate Students*



Spring 2015 Masters Graduates

- Chirstopher Clendenen
- Ahmed Fabre
- Nadica Gjorgieva
- Pamela Lisowe
- Tashina Martinson
- Hannah Meyer
- Calvin Watts



Preparing for Free Two Year College Plans

With the 2016 presidential election upon us, higher education is gaining nationwide attention. Discussions over the possibility of free two year college have transformed from individual statewide initiatives, into a national agenda. With free two year college becoming a reality in states like Tennessee and Oregon, colleges and higher education systems need to begin considering how to prepare for and support the possibility of free two year college. In January of 2015, the Minnesota legislature began consideration of free two year college, bringing the issue to the forefront of higher education in Minnesota.

While the price tag was perceived by many to be too high and the legislation ultimately failed, it started conversations about how institutions would handle a state or even federally mandated free two year college initiative. In a recent article co-authored by Kristina Keller the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at St. Cloud Technical and Community College and Vi Bergquist the Chief Information Officer at St. Cloud Technical and Community College, the logistical issues for colleges to consider and how to prepare institutions for free two year college is discussed. The logistics of such an initiative will have significant impacts on colleges, warranting preemptive conversation in order to prepare for a higher education system in which free two year college or a hybrid form of free college is available to prospective students.

The full article by Keller and Bergquist can be found at <http://evollution.com/attracting-students/accessibility/making-the-dream-a-reality-logistical-and-in-frastructural-considerations-for-the-free-two-year-college-environment/>



Italy Education Abroad

2016 Italy Education Abroad Course

Italy Informational Meeting: On November 4, 2015 an Italy Informational Meeting was held in the Center for Doctoral Studies for individuals interested in the 2016 education abroad trip to the University of Macerata (UNIMC). The course will be held May 14 – May 29, 2016, and 10 graduate and doctoral students are able to participate. At this time, we already have several applications, so if you are seriously considering this opportunity this year, be sure you start the application process. M.S. students register for HIED 664 and Ed.D. students register for HIED 880. If you were unable to participate in the meeting you can view a recoding http://www.stcloudstate.edu/hied/education_abroad.asp

The cost of the 2016 course is \$4857.00 and includes round-trip airfare; ground transportation in Italy; a welcome and farewell dinner; lodging; three classes; a 20-hour internship working with an Italian academic at UNIMC; tours of historical Italian universities, cities and landmarks; and administrative costs. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Prof. Imbra at cmimbra@stcloudstate.edu or complete an application at <https://stcloudstate.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&ProgramID=35263>

Italy Education Abroad at a Glance

Deadline to Register:
February 1, 2016

Course Travel Dates:
May 14-29, 2016

Cost:
\$4,857 for master's students
\$5,485 for doctoral students

- For more information about the course and scholarship opportunities please visit our HIED website at http://www.stcloudstate.edu/hied/education_abroad.asp or contact Professor Imbra at cmimbra@stcloudstate.edu



"Through this educational travel experience to Macerata, Italy, I developed in the areas of tolerance, discernment, humor, peacefulness, contentment, and understanding; all of which assist me in more completely becoming a global citizen. If you are thinking about taking this course, I highly recommend it, it will enrich your life!" Connie Frisch, HIED Ed.D. Student



"During this course I was taken out of my comfort zone, learning to navigate a new city where I didn't speak the language. I reaffirmed my strengths and interests as I learned about a different culture and educational system, participated in an internship where I was responsible for significant projects, and found ways to interact when there was a language barrier. I also discovered areas where I could improve, helping me to better understand some of the struggles international students may face when traveling to the United States. While the trip only lasted two weeks, the relationships I formed and the knowledge I gained will impact me for the rest of my life, personally and professionally." Caitlin Lindsay, HIED M.S. Student

Italian Delegation

Italian Delegation Visits SCSU

On October 4, 2015 an Italian Delegation of seven arrived at St. Cloud State University (SCSU) from our partner institution the University of Macerata (UNIMC) in Macerata, Italy. The Higher Education Administration (HIED) program, in the School of Education, hosted the delegation. The planning committee included HIED students Saby Labor, Caitlin Lindsay, Alfredo Oliveira, Cody Ryberg, and Natalie Sitter.

The delegation included Vice-Rector and Professoressa Paola Nicolini, Doctoressa Elisa Attili, and five Ph.D. students including Jessica Bettarelli, Valeria Cardarelli, Valentina Corinaldi, Monica DeChiro, and Cristina Formiconi. Six members of the group each served in a 20-hour internship, in a variety of offices on campus including Athletics, Career Services, Center for Teaching and Learning, Disability Services, LGBT Resource Center, and First Year and Transition Programs. Vice-Rector Nicolini attended meetings throughout the week associated with our partnership activities, and presented a lecture with Elisa Attili.

A big thanks to everyone on campus who extended a warm welcome to the group, taught them about our institution, entertained them during their free time, donated time and gifts, and generally helped make their visit a huge successful. The group was thrilled with their visit, and very thankful to SCSU for hosting them. UNIMC will reciprocate in May when Professor takes 10 HIED students to their institution for education abroad.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Italian Cultural Center (ICC) Scholarship: The Italian Cultural Center of Minneapolis-St.Paul recently announced that it will once again provide a scholarship for an SCSU HIED student to study abroad in Italy this May. The \$1,000.00 scholarship includes the requirement that the recipient blog while in Italy and present a Travelogue upon return. The deadline for the ICC scholarship is February 1, 2016. Please find the application form on our HIED website at http://www.stcloudstate.edu/hied/education_abroad.asp



Welcome New Masters Students!

- Amanda Larson
- Attina Earl
- James Bradley
- Jena Engelking
- Kristopher Oliveira
- Lindsey Gunnerson
- Matthew Gutsch
- Molly McAlister
- Patricia Klug
- Renee Young
- Shawn Blank
- Stephanie Roan



Welcome New Doctoral Students!

- Soheyl Missaghi
- Sally Dufner
- Seth Miner
- Stacy Bakker
- Onalee Finseth
- Nhia Yang
- Nicholas Linde
- Jovana Jevremovic
- Laura McCauley
- Kasey Linde
- Kari Kelso
- Susan Johnson
- Jamie Van Boxel
- Jennifer Kraipowich
- Darrin Strosahl
- Ana Spence-Baker
- James Anderson
- Amy Sannes



SPRING LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

LEADERSHIP AWAKENS

The Spring Leadership Institute is calling for proposals for its 2016 conference taking place on Friday, April 15, 2016 at St. Cloud State University. The conference will feature general interest, panel, promising practice, round table, and poster sessions about topics of research and practice in higher education leadership. Practitioners, researchers, and graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals that reflect research, theory, and practice in higher education administration. Some example topics include:

- Higher education practices of the future
- Trends impacting the future of higher education
- Academic and student affairs
- Women in leadership
- Diversity and social justice
- Pathways for advancement
- Legal or judicial issues
- Ethics and leading with integrity
- Collaborative programming
- Inclusive leadership practices
- LGBTQA inclusiveness
- Racial inclusiveness
- Gender inclusiveness
- Shareholder engagement
- Higher education administration in the 21st century

Please submit a 100 to 200-word proposal summarizing your presentation and explaining how it would be valuable to higher education leadership practitioners and/or research by February 28, 2016 at <http://goo.gl/forms/n1akk5sUYj>

For more information about the conference, please visit www.stcloudstate.edu/hied/leadershipinstitute.asp

Registration for the event will begin soon!



Student Updates

Nicholas Linde

Awarded the 2015 Reeher Discovery Award, presented by Reeher LLC, for development of new donors.

Michael Halverson

Promoted to the position of Senior Director of Annual Giving and Advancement Services at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

Eric Runestad

Accepted position as the Vice President of Finance and Enrollment at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Anna Schmidt

Accepted position as Interim Academic Dean for the health, biology, chemistry, and english programs as Hennepin Technical College.

Molly McAlister

Accepted position as Admissions Representative at St. Cloud State University.

Amy VanSurksum

Appointed to the position of Chair-Elect of the International Enrollment Management Knowledge Community at national level of NAFSA: Association of International Educators

Valerie Knopp

Elected as the Vice President of Professional Development for the National Student Employment Association (NSEA). Awarded the Student Employment Administrator of the Year by the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators (MASEA).

Lynn Davis

Accepted position as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Human Relations and Multicultural Education at St. Cloud State University. Lynn also published a summarized version of her dissertation in The Journal of Global Gender Studies. <http://jghcs.info/index.php/gg>

HIED Practicum Students

HIED Practicum Students: We have 9 HIED Masters students serving in the field during the 2015-2016 academic year. Our HIED practicum students are supervised by Prof. Imbra throughout the year. Below is a list of this year's practicum students, along with the practicum site, college/university, and site mentor:

Student	Practicum Site	College/University	Practicum Site Mentor
Ghulam Ahmadi	Office of Strategy, Planning, and Effectiveness	St. Cloud State University	Lisa Foss
Annie Babcock	Advising Center	St. Cloud State University	Michael Sharp
Lea Jacquemart	Financial Aid Office	Anoka Technical College	Sean Johns
Caitlin Lindsay	Student Life and Development	St. Cloud State University	Peggy Sarnicki
Alfredo Oliveira	LGBT Resource Center	St. Cloud State University	Brandon Johnson
Cody Ryberg	Academic Advising Center	St. Cloud Technical and Community College	Bretta Edwards
Gordon Schrubbe	Student Life and Development	St. Cloud State University	Peggy Sarnicki
Natalie Sitter	Department of Sports Facilities and Campus Recreation	St. Cloud State University	Ron Seibring
Adia Zeman	Office of Health Promotions	College of St. Benedict-St. John's University	Lori Klapperich

Upcoming Conferences

• **AIRUM: Association for Institutional Research in the Upper Midwest**
November 12-13, 2015 in Bloomington, MN
<http://www.airum.org/conferences.html>

• **2016 American College Personnel Association Conference**
March 6-9, 2016 in Montreal, Canada
<http://convention.myacpa.org/montreal2016/>

• **NASPA: 2016 NASPA Conference**
March 12-16, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN
<http://conference2016.naspa.org/>

• **AWP: 2016 Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference and Bookfair**
March 30-April 2, 2016 in Los Angeles, CA
https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/

• **Spring Leadership Institute**
April 15, 2016
Atwood Memorial Center, SCSU
Proposal deadline: February 1, 2016

• **AERA: 2016 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting**
April 8-12, 2016 in Washington D.C.
<http://www.aera.net/tabid/10208/Default.aspx>

• **19th Annual Student Research Colloquium**
April 19, 2016
Atwood Memorial Center, SCSU
Intent-to-Present Deadline: February 15, 2016
<https://www.stcloudstate.edu/src/default.asp>

• **AIR: Association for Institutional Research Annual Conference**
May 31- June 3, 2016 New Orleans, LA
<http://www.airweb.org/EducationAndEvents/AnnualConference/Pages/default.aspx>

• **AAUP: 2016 AAUP Conference**
June 15-19, 2016 in Washington, D.C.
Proposal deadline: December 10, 2014
<http://www.aaup.org/event/2016-aaup-annual-conference>



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